

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17-46 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 30 is amended for clarity only, and claims 31-46 are added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 17-29 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,532,961. In addition, claims 17, 19, 20 and 23-29 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 4-6, 19, 21 and 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,860,269.

Provided herewith is a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer in order to obviate the rejection. Applicants do not agree with the rejection, but the Terminal Disclaimer is being provided merely to expedite prosecution. Moreover, the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer is not an admission as to the propriety of the rejection. See MPEP §804.02.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. According to the Office Action, there is no support for the claimed subject matter of "a cantilevered member structured to be fixed at a first end of the T-bar, the cantilevered member being adapted to flex between a first and second angled position". Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The subject matter of claim 30 is shown and described in the original specification and drawings, see, e.g., Figures 2 and 3 of the original application, as well as the original specification (page 6, lines 4-24). For example, the specification indicates "as best shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the cushion frame 12 also includes a flexible member 32 which has two side by side spaced apart tongues and a middle protruding button on its distal end." Page 6, lines 4-6. The distal end refers to the end of member 32, which is a cantilevered member, as it has an

unsupported "distal end," as readily seen in Figures 2 and 3. The cantilevered member, i.e., member 32, is adapted to flex between first and second angular positions, which are shown, respectively, in Figures 2 and 3. According to the original specification, "... releasing the button 36 allows the tongue 34 [which is mounted on the distal end of the cantilevered member] to resiliently flex back towards the grooves 40." Page 6, lines 19-20. Figure 2 shows the position in which the button 36 has been released, and the tongues 34 engage within the grooves. Figure 3 shows the position where the button 36 has been depressed, and the tongues 34 are disengaged from the grooves 40. See page 6, lines 4-24.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 31-46 are added for the Examiner's consideration.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are patentable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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